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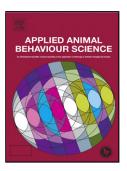
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indicates play is not a general indicator of positive welfare in dogs

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Highlights

Dogs are a product of artificial selection which has led to a high prevalence of play.

Dog play seems to function mainly to develop motor skills and for social cohesion.

Context defines the differing functions and welfare implications of play.

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